



Clinical Congress News

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Harvey W. Bender, Jr., becomes 81st ACS President tonight

Harvey W. Bender, Jr., MD, FACS, a thoracic surgeon from Nashville, TN, will be installed as the 81st President of the American College of Surgeons tonight during Convocation ceremonies that conclude the Clinical Congress.

Dr. Bender is currently professor of surgery and past chairman of the department of cardiac and thoracic surgery at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, TN.

A native of Humble, TX, Dr. Bender attended Texas A & M College and received his medical degree in 1959 from Baylor University College of Medicine, where he was named a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society (1958). Dr. Bender was both a surgical intern (1959-1960) and a surgical assistant resident (1960-1961 and 1963-1966) at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. He was a senior assistant surgeon at the National Heart Institute from 1961 to 1963 and was the Halsted Surgical Resident at the Johns Hopkins Hospital (1966-1967).

Upon completion of his postgraduate training, Dr. Bender was named a diplo-

mate of both the American Board of Thoracic Surgery and the American Board of Surgery (1967). He became an assistant professor of surgery in the department of surgery at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1967, and was named an associate professor of surgery in 1970. Dr. Bender assumed the position of professor of surgery and chair of the department of cardiac and thoracic surgery at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1971.

Dr. Bender became a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1969, and since that time he has been an active participant and leader in numerous College activities. He was a member of the College's Board of Regents from 1990 to 1999, a member of its Executive Committee from 1992 to 1999, and Chair of the Board of Regents from 1997 to 1999.

He served on several Regental committees: the Honors, Fellowship Liaison, and Finance Committees, and he was Chair of the Nominating Committee. He served as a member of the Board of Governors (1987-1990), as Chair of the Governors' Committee on Socioecon-

omic Issues (1989-1990), and as a member of the Board of Governors' Executive Committee (1989-1990). He has also actively served on the College's Advisory Council for Cardiothoracic Surgery. In addition, Dr. Bender is a Past President of the College's Tennessee Chapter.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Bender has been committed to disseminating surgical knowledge. To that end, he has authored or coauthored more than 140 articles in a wide range of medical and surgical journals and served on the editorial board of the *American Journal of Cardiology* and the *Annals of Thoracic Surgery*.

Dr. Bender has been awarded memberships in numerous surgical associations and societies, and he has held leadership positions in many of these groups including the American Surgical Association, the Society of University Surgeons, the Pan-Pacific Surgical Association, the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association, the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, the International Society for Cardiovascular Surgery, and the Residency Review Committee for General Surgery. He is



Dr. Bender

also past president of the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association, a past chair of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, and past chair of the Residency Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery.

Dr. Bender currently resides in Nashville, TN, with his wife, Doris.

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Challenge to professionalism:

Balancing patient expectations, payor demands, and innovation

Serving the patient's best interest in a more bottom-line driven and technologically advanced environment "is the new challenge to professionalism in medicine," said Albert R. Jonsen, PhD, during the Ethics and Philosophy Lecture. The session took place on Wednesday morning, and Bernard Langer, MD, FACS, Chair of the Committee on Ethics, served as the presiding officer. Dr. Jonsen is professor emeritus of ethics in medicine at the University of California in San Francisco.

Dr. Jonsen noted that medical ethics became a serious, scholarly issue in the early 1970s. The charge was to help in the resolution of ethical issues in medicine at a time when the profession was undergoing considerable change resulting from the spread of Medicare,

Medicaid, and technological achievements. The goal of medical ethicists at that time was to "respect the ancient traditions of medicine" and meet the demands of new world, he added.

Soon after entering this new field of study, "I had a revelation—not from a divine source but from a human one," said Dr. Jonsen, who had studied theology. The revelation came in the form of an article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* authored by a physician who committed suicide the same day the item was published. It focused on his experiences with the health care system when he was being treated for renal failure and expressed his sense that he had become an object of competition between his surgeon and his nephrologist. After the article was published, the physician's treating transplant surgeon

admitted that he had become so hopeful that a transplant would eventually take and his patient recover, that he lost sight of the patient's suffering.

The epiphany that came to Dr. Jonsen after this experience was that "there may be an inverse relationship" between science's ability to keep people alive and quality of life. As a result, the major ethical debate of the time centered on physician versus patient control of the patient's fate and quality of life, he said. The root of this tension was the development of technology, which gave physicians greater power to make decisions about what was in the best interests of the patient medically but not necessarily emotionally or philosophically.

Technology, he said, serves as such "a shining path" for new patient care methods that "the darker, more narrow paths"

of the mind and spirit cannot be seen.

In the 1980s, other forces began to seek control over patients' health care choices and quality of life. The government began creating new bureaucratic payment methods for Medicare and Medicaid, and managed care began overseeing medical decision making, blurring further still the distinctions as to who could best make patient care decisions, Dr. Jonsen noted.

Hence, the challenge to surgeons now focuses on accountability for the health and welfare of the patient in the face of red tape and advancing technology that result in less direct interaction between the patient and the physician, according to Dr. Jonsen.



Dr. Becker



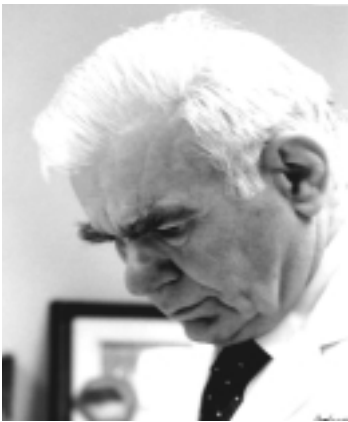
Dr. Irving



Mr. Jackson



Dr. Li



Dr. Yasargil

College awards five Honorary Fellowships

Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons will be awarded tonight to five prominent surgeons from China, England, Germany, and the United States. The awards will be presented during the Convocation ceremonies that conclude the Clinical Congress. The recipients will be:

- **H. Dieter Becker, MD.** Professor Becker is the head of the department of surgery at University Eberhard-Karls in Tübingen, Germany.
- **Sir Miles Irving, DSC (HON), MD, ChM, Msc (HON), FRCS (Eng, Ed, Glas).** Sir Miles is currently chairman

and honorary professor of surgery at The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Trust Freeman Hospital in Newcastle, England.

- **Barry T. Jackson, MB, BS, MS, FRCS (Eng), FRCP (London).** Mr. Jackson is the current president of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in London.
- **Arthur K.C. Li, MD, MB, BCh, DSC (Hon), D Litt (Hon), FRCS (Eng, Ed), FRCS (Glas) (Hon), FRCS(I) (Hon).** Professor Li is the current vice-chancellor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong in Shatin,

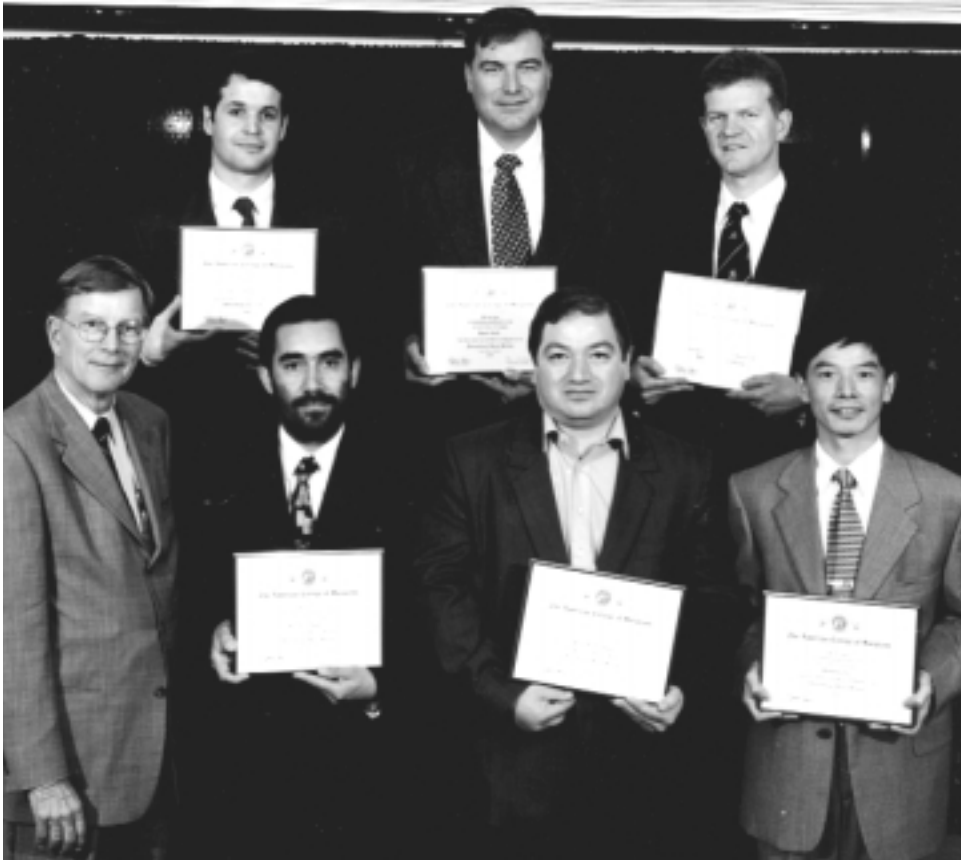
Hong Kong, Peoples Republic of China.

- **M. Gazi Yasargil, MD.** Doctor Yasargil is chairman of the department of neurosurgery, College of Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR.

Presenting the Honorary Fellowships on behalf of the College will be: Alden Harken, MD, FACS, Denver, CO; John E. Connolly, MD, FACS, Orange, CA; Courtney M. Townsend, Jr., MD, FACS, Galveston, TX; Edward R. Laws, Jr., MD, FACS, Charlottesville, VA; and Josef E. Fischer, MD, FACS, Cincinnati, OH.

During the College's Convocation ceremonies this year, 1,636 surgeons from around the world will be admitted into Fellowship. With a membership of more than 60,000, the College is the largest organization of surgeons in the world.

Sir Rickman Godlee, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, was awarded the first Honorary Fellowship in the College during the College's first Convocation in 1913. Since then, 371 internationally prominent surgeons, including the five chosen this year, have been named Honorary Fellows of the American College of Surgeons.



The International Relations Committee hosted a luncheon on Tuesday to honor the 2000 International Guest Scholars, who are pictured here. Front row, left to right: Keith A. Kelly, MD, FACS, IRC Committee Chair; Ricardo Z. Espinoza, MD, Santiago, Chile; Petros P. Ananikyan, MD, Yerevan, Armenia; and Mingqiang Xie, MD, Guangzhou, Peoples Republic of China. Back row: Mariano M. Boglione, MD, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Daniel Oertli, MD, Basel, Switzerland; and Peter C. Willsher, MBBS, FRACS, Perth, Australia.

Honorary Fellows-Elect greet attendees

The Fellowship Department, in conjunction with the College's International Relations Committee, offered an International Lounge this year for the comfort and convenience of Fellows and visitors from abroad. The Year 2000 Honorary Fellows-Elect of the College were featured at "Meet the Professor" teas Sunday through Wednesday. The new Honorary Fellows-to-be greeted Congress attendees and spoke briefly about their research and their careers in medicine to an enthusiastic audience.

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Other officials to be installed tonight are Lazar J. Greenfield, MD, FACS, Ann Arbor, MI, as First Vice-President, and LaMar S. McGinnis, Jr., MD, FACS, Atlanta, GA, as Second Vice-President.

Dr. Greenfield is Frederick A. Collier Distinguished Professor and chairman of the department of surgery, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He has served as a member of the ACS Committee on Operating Room Environment, the Committee on Development, and the Governors' Committee on Physicians' Health.

Dr. McGinnis is the medical director of the Eberhart Cancer Center at DeKalb Medical Center, Atlanta, GA. He has been a member of the ACS Board of Governors and chaired several B/G committees, in-

cluding the Chapter Activities Committee, the Committee on Surgical Practice in Hospitals and its Subcommittee on AIDS, and the Nominating Committee. Dr. McGinnis is also the 1998 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award—the highest honor accorded by the American College of Surgeons.



Dr. Greenfield



Dr. McGinnis

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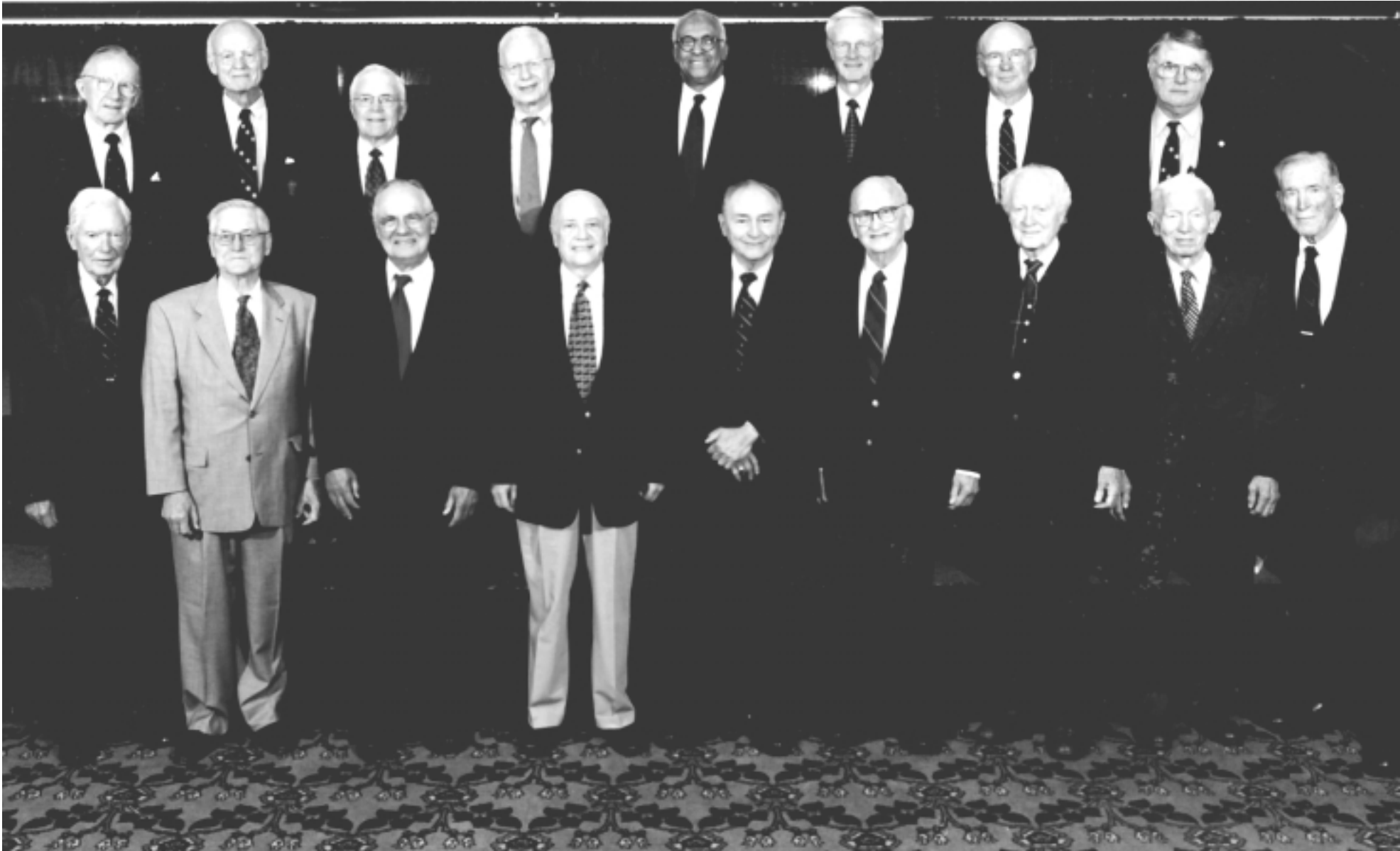
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Past-Presidents of the College, who comprise the Advisory Council to the Board of Regents, gathered Tuesday for a luncheon. In attendance were, left to right, front row: William P. Longmire, Jr., Oliver H. Beahrs, Frank C. Spencer, W. Gerald Austen, G. Tom Shires, William H. Muller, Jr., George R. Dunlop, Henry T. Bahnson, and Jonathan E. Rhoads. Back row: C. Rollins Hanlon, M. J. Jurkiewicz, Ralph A. Straffon, Seymour I. Schwartz, LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., David G. Murray, Lloyd D. MacLean, and George F. Sheldon.

Allied Meetings

Thursday

Morning

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons- Standards Committee
7:00 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast
Hilton Chicago, Pullman Boardroom, Floor Four

Afternoon

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - PR Committee
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm. Luncheon
Hilton Chicago, 5E, Floor Five

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - DC+R Editorial Board
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton Chicago, Waldorf Room, Floor Third

Friday

Morning

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Website Committee
7:30 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast
Hilton Chicago, McCormick Boardroom, Floor Four

Afternoon

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Pre-agenda Meeting
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton Chicago, PDR 6, Floor Third

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Executive Council
5:00 pm - 10:30 pm. Meeting
Hilton Chicago, 4A, Floor Four



Registration totals

As of Wednesday afternoon, total registration for the Clinical Congress was 16,218; 8,787 were physicians and the rest were exhibitors, guests, spouses, or convention personnel.

Program Changes

Specialty Sessions

CT-02

Moderator: Cameron Wright, MD, FACS

Scientific Exhibits

SE-147: Etiology of Postoperative Biliary Leak
Name added: Amit Dwivedi, MD

SE-154: The Value of Lighted Ureteral Stenting in Laparoscopic Colectomy
Name added: Amit Dwivedi, MD

Don't miss your Friday CCN

Fellows who will not be in Chicago on Friday to pick up their copy of the Clinical Congress News may obtain one by contacting the CCN office in McCormick Place South (791-6695).

The Friday issue contains information on:

- Coverage of the Presidential Address of Harvey W. Bender, Jr., MD, FACS
- Convocation activities
- Announcement of the Distinguished Service Award recipient
- An announcement of the College's President-Elect and other officers-elect
- Information on new and re-elected Regents and Governors

Also, any back issues of this week's Clinical Congress News issues may be obtained after the Congress by contacting Stephen Regnier, ACS Communications Dept., 633 N. St. Clair St., Chicago, IL, 6011-3211; tel.: 312/202-5331, or e-mail sregnier@facs.org.

Caps and gowns

Distribution of caps and gowns will be today from 1:30 pm until the Convocation ceremony begins, at the Hilton Chicago and Towers, Grand Ballroom. Caps and gowns may be turned in at the same location following the conclusion of Convocation.